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Superintendent's Compendium
Of Designations, Closures, Permit
Requirements and Other Restrictions
Imposed Under Discretionary Authority.

Approved: 

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In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of Little River Canyon National Preserve. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

Written determinations, which explain the reasoning behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority, as required by Section 1.5(c), appear in this document identified by italicized print.

I. 36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES

(a)(1) The following visiting hours and public use limits are established for all or for the listed portions of the preserve, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the park to all public use or to a certain use or activity:

Visiting Hours:

- Little River Canyon National Preserve's parking lots, overlooks and backcountry roads are closed during the hours of darkness. Darkness is defined as 30 minutes before sunrise and 30 minutes after sunset. *(Justification: To provide for reasonable and safe public access to the overlooks, trails and to protect cultural resources. To reduce vandalism, and other illegal activities)*
- Exceptions: (1) The Little River Wildlife Management Area is open for those with a hunting permit and hunting for raccoon, opossum and fox in accordance with state law. (2) Little River is open for fishing in accordance with state law.
- Canyon Mouth Day Use Area will be open from 8:00 A.M. to the posted closing time. The times will be posted on the sign located at the entrance/exit gate and fee booth area. *(Justification: To protect resources and provide for public safety and enjoyment)*

Closures:

Drones/Unmanned Aircraft

- Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of Little River Canyon National Preserve is prohibited except as approved in writing by the superintendent. *(Justification: to maintain public health and safety and to protect park resources and*

values within Little River Canyon National Preserve. This temporary closure will remain in effect until the NPS can determine whether specific uses of unmanned aircraft on lands and waters administered by the NPS are appropriate and will not cause unacceptable impacts on park resources and values.)

Emergency Closures

- During periods of severe weather conditions, all or portions of, Little River Canyon may be closed to the public in the interest of public safety. (*Justification: To provide for public safety and enjoyment*)

Glass Containers

- The possession or use of glass containers is prohibited. (*Justification: To provide for public safety and enjoyment*)

Little River Falls

- Walking, climbing, jumping, diving or being within 50 feet of the edge of Little River Falls, except on designated walk ways, is prohibited. (*Justification: To provide for reasonable and safe public access to view the falls and enjoy the falls area.*) Exception: Kayakers and canoeists traversing the falls area.

Minnow Seine

- Minnow seine is prohibited within Little River Canyon National Preserve. (*Justification: To protect natural resources including federally listed threatened species.*)

Motorized Vessels

- The use of motorized vessels on the river is prohibited. (*Justification: The area is used by swimmers, kayakers, etc. The river is rocky and usually not deep enough for boats to safely pass.*)

36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

(f) A compilation of those activities requiring a permit shall be maintained by the superintendent and available to the public by request.

The following are some of the activities that require a permit.

- Groups in excess of 25 people
- Placement/Replacement of Fixed Protection for Rock Climbing
- Collection of Research Specimens
- Special Events
- Public Assemblies/Meetings
- Sale/distribution of Printed Matter
- Noncommercial Soliciting
- Scattering Human Ashes
- Commercial Advertisements
- Business Operations
- Commercial Photography
- Construction of Buildings or Other Facilities

- Camping Outside Designated Areas
- Weddings
- Birthday Parties or Celebrations
- Baptisms

(Justification: To provide for public safety and enjoyment)

36 CFR §2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

(a)(4) Dead wood on the ground may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the park in the following areas:

- **(4) Dead and down wood on the ground may be collected for use in the campfires at the designated picnic areas. *(Justification: Assist with clearing the park of potential fire hazards and reduce the introduction of evasive insects.)***

Where established trails and walkways exist, walking, running and hiking is restricted to those trails and walkways. *(Justification: To provide for public safety and enjoyment, to protect natural, cultural and archeological resources)*

(c)(1), (c)(2) The following fruits, nuts, berries may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption, in accordance with the noted size, quantity, collection sites and/or use or consumption restrictions:

- **(c)(1) Individuals may collect by hand blackberries, blueberries, persimmons, hickory nuts, muscadines or walnuts for personal use and consumption.**
- **(c)(2) Individuals may collect by hand up to 1 gallon per day, per species for personal use and consumption.**

(Justification: To provide for public enjoyment and the protection of natural resources)

36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION

(d) The transporting of lawfully taken wildlife through the park is permitted under the following conditions and procedures:

- **During authorized hunting and trapping seasons within that portion of the preserve identified by the State of Alabama as the Little River Canyon Wildlife Management Area.**
- **During authorized bow hunting seasons in the Beaver Pond Trail area of the Little River Canyon National Preserve in accordance with state laws and regulations. *(Justification: To provide for public safety and enjoyment in accordance with the park's enabling legislation)***

36 CFR §2.3 - FISHING

(a) Alabama Fishing Regulations are assimilated within Little River Canyon National Preserve.

- **Hoop net, fyke net, gill net, trammel net or seine are prohibited (per state law).**

- Minnow seine is prohibited (see 1.5(f) Closure Violations)
- (d)(1) Hook and line only, with rod or line being closely attended.
- (d)(2) Live or dead bait fish, amphibians, nonpreserved fish eggs or fish roe are prohibited.

36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS, AND NETS

(a)(2)(i) Weapons, traps, or nets may only be carried, possessed or used at the following designated times and locations:

- During authorized hunting and trapping seasons within that portion of the preserve identified by the State of Alabama as the Little River Canyon Wildlife Management Area. *(Justification: To provide for public safety and enjoyment in accordance with the park's enabling legislation.)*
- During authorized bow hunting seasons in the Beaver Pond Trail area of the Little River Canyon National Preserve in accordance with state laws and regulations. *(Justification: To provide for public safety and enjoyment in accordance with the park's enabling legislation.)*
- Under federal law (February 22, 2010), individuals who can legally possess firearms according to state and local laws, may possess firearms in the park but not in federal buildings. *(Justification: To provide for public safety as per the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009, Section 512, Protecting Americans from Violent Crimes)*

36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING and FOOD STORAGE

(a) Camping is prohibited within the Little River Canyon National Preserve.
(Justification: To protect the visitors and the resources.)

36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES

(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is generally prohibited, except as provided for in the following designated areas and/or receptacles, and under the conditions noted:

- Fires are allowed in grills or fire rings at the following locations: Canyon Mouth Day Use Area and the Little River Falls picnic area. *(Justification: To protect natural, cultural and archeological resources but provide for public enjoyment.)*

36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

(a)(3) Leaving a pet unattended and tied to an object, except in designated areas or under conditions which may be established by the superintendent.

- Leaving a pet unattended in a vehicle: Unattended and confined in a motor vehicle and physical injury to or death of the animal is likely to result. *(Justification: To prevent serious injury or death to an animal.)*

36 CFR §2.23 – RECREATION FEES

(b) Recreation fees, and/or a permit, in accordance with 36 CFR part 71, are established for the following entrance fee areas, and/or for the use of the following specialized sites, facilities, equipment or services, or for participation in the following group activity, recreation events or specialized recreation uses:

- **Day Use Fee Areas:** There is a \$3.00 daily fee or a \$10.00 yearly pass fee for the Canyon Mouth Day Use Area (*Justification: To protect natural, cultural and archeological resources but provide for public enjoyment*)

36 CFR §2.35 –ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

(a)(3)(i) The following public use areas, portions of public use areas, and/or public facilities within the park are closed to consumption of alcoholic beverages, and/or to the possession of a bottle, can or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage that is open, or has been opened, or whose seal has been broken or the contents of which have been partially removed:

- The consumption of alcoholic beverages, in any form, is prohibited within the boundaries of Little River Canyon National Preserve. (*Justification: To provide for visitor safety and enjoyment. The possession of alcoholic beverages in public areas is prohibited by state law and to be consistent with local laws and regulations*)
- Simple possession of prohibited liquors and beverages, Alabama Title 28-4-20, The possession of alcoholic beverage in public areas is prohibited by state law. (*Justification: To provide for visitor safety and enjoyment. The possession of alcoholic beverages in public areas is prohibited by state law and to be consistent with local laws and regulations*)

36 CFR §4.10 – TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS AND ROUTES

- (a) Park roads, open for travel by motor vehicle are those indicated below, and/or as indicated in the following publication or document (attached hereto):

Park backcountry road map attached.

36 CFR §4.15 – SEAT BELTS REQUIRED

- (a) No person under the age of 15 may ride in the back of a pick-up or flat-bed truck. (*Justification: To provide for public safety and be consistent with Alabama State law- Section 32-5-222: REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD PASSENGER RESTRAINTS (4) Seat belts until 15 years of age.*)

36 CFR §4.22 – UNSAFE OPERATION

- (a)(4)(ii) Persons above the age of 15 must be seated on the truck bed floor and may not ride on or in any item in the rear of the vehicle. These items include but are not limited to coolers, lawn chairs, tubes, rafts, or furniture. The driver of the vehicle may not exceed 35 mph. (*Justification: To provide for public safety.*)